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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION 116

INFORM CONSULS LONDON FOR ASST SEC SISCO VIENNA PASS USDEL MBFR KUWAIT POUCH DOHA BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD COAST GUARD FOR POLAD

1. IMPLEMENTATION SIX POINT AGREEMENT AS RESULT
AGREEMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION 5 OUT OF 6 POINTS NOVEMBER
14, PROCESS OF PRISONER EXCHANGE BEGAN NOVEMBER 15, WITH
26 ISRAELIS DEPARTING CAIRO VIA RED CROSS AIRCRAFT AND
44 EGYPTIANS LEAVING TEL AVIV. MOST OF PRISONERS IN
INITIAL EXCHANGE ARE WOUNDED. UN SPOKESMAN IN CAIRO
SAID AS PART OF AGREEMENT CHECKPOINTS AT KILOMETER 101
AND 119 ON SUEZ-CAIRO ROAD HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY UN
CHECKPOINTS. TOTAL PRISONER EXCHANGE, OF 238 ISRAELIS
AND 8,221 EGYPTIANS, EXPECTED TAKE 8 DAYS. UPI REPORT
FROM TEL AVIV STATES ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN OFFICERS WILL
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MEET SOON TO BEGIN TALKS ON TROOP PULLBACKS ALONG SUEZ CANAL.

2. WALDHEIM LETTER TO SECRETARY: SECGEN WALDHEIM HAS

SENT LETTER TO THE SECRETARY IN WHICH HE MENTIONS HIS

QUOTE PREOCCUPATIONS CONCERNING NEXT STEPS IN PROCESS LEADING TOWARD LASTING SETTLEMENT UNQUOTE. BASIC THRUST OF WALDHEIM'S LETTER IS TO SUGGEST THAT UN MIGHT BE THE APPROPRIATE AUSPICES FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO A SETTLEMENT.

- 3. UNRWA PROBLEM AT UN: USUN REPORTS THAT SAUDI AMBASSADOR BAROODY APPEARS DETERMINED TO PRESS AHEAD WITH UNACCEPTABLE AMENDMENTS TO US RESOLUTION ON UNRWA. IN AN ATTEMPT TO FEND OFF BAROODY'S AMENDMENTS EEC NATIONS MAY BE PREPARED TO MAKE DEMARCHE TO KING FEISAL. EMBASSY JIDDA REPORTS US DEMARCHE UNLIKELY TO HELP.
- 4. UNEF AIRLIFT: USAF AIRLIFT OF PERUVIAN ADVANCE
 PARTY OF 50 SOLDIERS AND GEAR FROM LIMA TO TEL AVIV IS
 PROCEEDING AS SCHEDULED TODAY. WE HAVE RECEIVED REQUEST
 FROM UN TO CONDUCT SAME TYPE OF LIFT OF AN ADVANCE
 PARTY OF PANAMANIANS, NUMBERING 40 PLUS 100 TONS OF
 GEAR, ON NOVEMBER 19 FROM PANAMA TO TEL AVIV. IN
 ADDITION, UN HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED 6 SWITCHBOARDS
 AND 100 FIELD TELEPHONES TO BE PROCURED AND LIFTED TO
 CAIRO IN SUPPORT OF CANADIAN SIGNALS CONTINGENT.
 CANADIANS, MEANWHILE, HAVE TOLD US IN OTTAWA THAT THEY
 STUDYING LATEST UNSYG PROPOSALS FOR DIVIDING UP UNEF
 SUPPORT WORK WITH POLES ON QUOTE URGENT BASIS AND IN
 GOOD FAITH. UNQUOTE. CANADIANS COMMENT THAT NOONE SEEMS TO BE WILLING TO PUT AS MUCH PRESSURE ON
 POLES TO BE REASONABLE AS IS PUT ON CANADIANS.
- 5. CEASE-FIRE: SUEZ FRONT QUIET. DAMASCUS RADIO REPORTS MINOR EXCHANGE OF FIRE WITH ISRAELIS MORNING NOVEMBER 15.

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